

# Let's Talk 2020 Census: Farmworkers in North Carolina

#### **Census 2020 Information for Farmworkers**

Census participation is historically lower among farmworkers, Latinos, and other transient communities. However, these communities can benefit most from a complete count because of the resources, representation, and funding Census data influences. We only have one chance every 10 years to achieve a full count.

### What is the census?

The census is a count of all people living in the United States and occurs every 10 years. It is required by law for ALL of us to participate (regardless of immigration status). All information provided is confidential.

### Why is it important?

Census information guides the allocation of more than \$800 billion in federal funding for programs that are essential to the well-being of families and communities. Data guides the identification of communities that need resources to build or improve:

- Schools
- Roads
- Hospitals
- Community centers
- Health centers
- Homes
- Businesses
- Early education centers and many more social services

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#### When's the census?

Although Census Day was the first of April, the census can be completed until October 31!

March-April: Households will begin receiving official mailing from the Census Bureau with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail. Three reminders will be sent and if you do not respond online or by phone in March they will send you a form in early April.

August-October: Censors will conduct interviews with households that have not responded to the 2020 Census to make sure they are all counted.

\*\*October 31: The Deadline\*\*

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## How to complete the census?

- You need to know the address of your camp.
- If you live in a work camp: Talk to the farmer to make sure you are included in the form sent to him or her.
- Online: my2020census.gov
- By phone at: 1-844-468-2020
- Fill out a form if one arrived by mail to your home, or
- A census office representative will knock on your door to collect information in person, heeding local COVID-19 directives.

## What will they ask in the census?

The form has 10 simple questions:

- How many people are living or staying in your home
- Gender
- Date of birth
- Ethnicity and Race
- Relationship of people living in the home
- Type of home and whether you rent

The census will NOT ask for your citizenship or legal status. If you live here we want you to count regardless of immigration status! It is important to count EVERYONE at home including babies, children, grandparents, and other relatives or friends who live in your home on April 1, 2020.

## Will my information be kept confidential?

The U.S. Census Bureau is required by law to protect your responses and keep them strictly confidential. Your answers cannot be shared with any other government agency including ICE, the FBI and the police and it cannot be used against you either.

## **Caution: Avoid online scams or frauds**

It is important to know that the Census Bureau will not send emails to ask for your participation in the 2020 Census without your request. In addition, during the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will never ask you for:

- Your Social Security number
- Your bank account or credit card number
- Nothing in the name of a political party
- No money or donations

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